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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/604,160
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For: **Woven Fiber Protection Apparatus for
Optical Fiber Hydrophone Array**
Inventors: COOKE, et al.
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Sir:

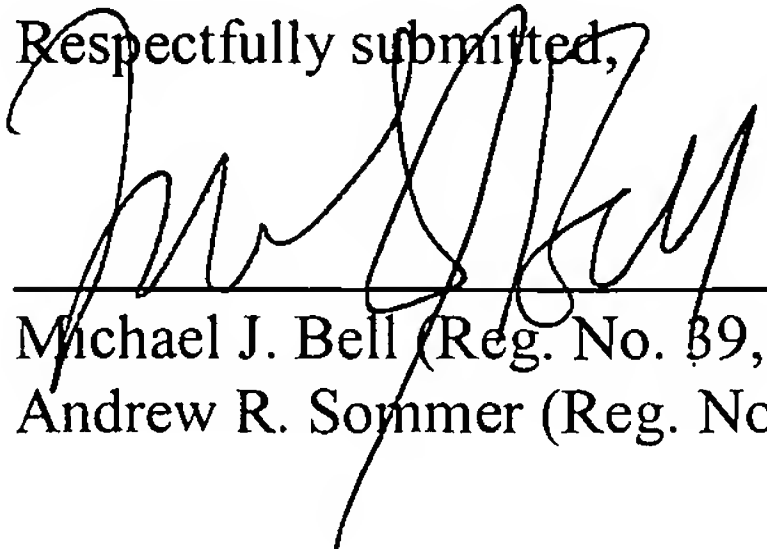
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- 1) *Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111*
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above-docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/604,160

Filed: June 28, 2003

For: **WOVEN FIBER PROTECTION
CABLE ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN
OPTICAL HYDROPHONE ARRAY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2004, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20040129), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 02708.0159.NPUS00.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.